

MINUTES

MONTANA HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES 59th LEGISLATURE - REGULAR SESSION

SELECT COMMITTEE ON EDUCATION

Call to Order: By **CHAIRMAN MONICA LINDEEN**, on April 5, 2005 at 3:09 P.M., in Room 137 Capitol.

ROLL CALL

Members Present:

Rep. Monica Lindeen, Chairman (D)
Rep. Norma Bixby (D)
Rep. Tim Dowell (D)
Rep. Dave Gallik (D)
Rep. Verdell Jackson (R)
Rep. Bob Lake (R)
Rep. Holly Raser (D)

Members Excused: Rep. Bill E. Glaser, Vice Chairman (R)

Members Absent: Rep. Jon Sonju (R)
Rep. Pat Wagman (R)

Staff Present: Eddy McClure, Legislative Branch
Kim Leighton, Committee Secretary

Please Note. These are summary minutes. Testimony and discussion are paraphrased and condensed.

Committee Business Summary:

Hearing & Date Posted:
Executive Action: HR 3

EXECUTIVE ACTION ON HR 3

Motion: REP. GALLIK moved that HR 3 DO PASS.

Discussion:

REP. GALLIK explained why he was moving this resolution forward. He reminded the Committee of what he had stated when the resolution was heard in Committee. He believes this is a good step to take in getting some help implementing the Indian Education For All Act (IEFAA). He stated that, "This might be a good way to put a few shekels in the purse."

REP. LAKE added that he read the article in the paper regarding IEFAA. He stated that this was a long process that has been carried over from the past. It is not a bad idea to receive some money for this. However, he would like to see United States SENATOR MAX BAUCUS and United States REPRESENTATIVE DENNIS REHBERG included in this process as well.

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(REP. WAGMAN entered.)

REP. GALLIK attested that the inclusion of REPRESENTATIVE REHBERG and SENATOR BAUCUS is fine. He explained that his original intent was to help implement IEFAA. He was not singling out SENATOR BURNS. He accepted REP. LAKE's recommendation.

REP. WAGMAN asked for a five-minute recess to caucus.

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(The Committee broke for a five-minute recess)

(REP. SONJU entered.)

REP. LAKE stated that he believes REP. GALLIK is using this as a political football. He added that he has a very low tolerance for resolutions. They do not accomplish anything. He believes they are a waste of time. Therefore, he rescinded his offer for a friendly amendment.

REP. GALLIK responded by saying that it is political. He pointed out that they felt it was a good idea initially; but after the caucus they realized they didn't like how it was moving. He added that he agreed to REP. LAKE's suggestion. However, now REP. LAKE is backing out. He said he was sorry, but politics are going to play out.

REP. LAKE stated, "If you want to call it political, call it political." He also hoped to talk about the recent article in the paper regarding IEFAA. He mentioned that **SENATOR BURNS** commented that it was a three- to four-year process of putting the system into place.

REP. GALLIK stated that he wasn't sure what happened while the Republicans met outside. He said that this bill says nothing of the past; this is about the future. He is simply trying to utilize the Congressional authority that they have available to help implement this.

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CHAIR LINDEEN added that despite the recent article in the paper, **SENATOR BURNS** is the Chairman of the Interior Appropriations Subcommittee, and it is not inappropriate for this Committee to request funding. This Subcommittee deals with the funding of reservations. She asked that they put all politics aside and realize that it is perfectly appropriate.

Vote: Motion failed 5-5 by roll call vote with REP. BIXBY, REP. DOWELL, REP. GALLIK, REP. LINDEEN, and REP. RASER voting aye. REP. GLASER voted by proxy.

CHAIR LINDEEN closed with general announcements.

ADJOURNMENT

Adjournment: 3:30 P.M.

REP. MONICA LINDEEN, Chairman

KIM LEIGHTON, Secretary

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Additional Exhibits:

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